

Husband: **STEPHEN KENT**

Born: 1603 Over Wallop, Hampshire, England
 Married: 10 August 1637 Salisbury, Wiltshire, England
 Died: 1670 Woodbridge, Middlesex County, East Jersey
 Buried:

Father: THOMAS KENT
 Mother: ELLEN PYLE

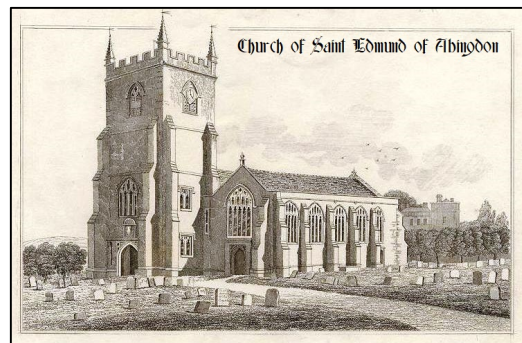
Wife: **MARGERY ANN NORRIS**

Born: c1621 Salisbury, Wiltshire, England
 Died: 1653 Newbury, Essex, Massachusetts Bay Colony
 Buried:

Father: JOHN NORRIS (July 1584 – ?)
 Mother: JOANE WOADE (c1590 – 20 February 1676)

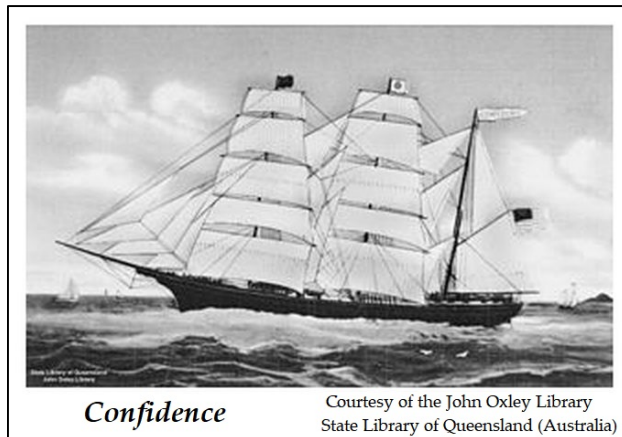
Issue:	Born:	Place:
1. MARY KENT	1638	Salisbury, Wiltshire, England
2. ELIZABETH KENT	4 December 1644	Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts Colony
3. HANNAH KENT	1646	Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts Colony
4. STEPHEN KENT II	6 March 1648	Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts Colony
5. REBECCA KENT	3 August 1650	Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts Colony
6. DAVID KENT	26 May 1653	Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts Colony

Salisbury had three parishes at the time, each with a parish church: *Saint Martin's* in the southern part of the city, *Saint Edmund's* in the northern part, and *Saint Thomas Becket* in the western part of the city. The latter was the church MARGERY'S parents were married at in 1612. If the sources are correct in stating that STEPHEN and MARGERY were married in the Parish of Saint Edmund, they were probably married at the parish *Church of Saint Edmund of Abingdon's*. That church is now the Salisbury Arts Center and the parishes of Saints Thomas and Edmund merged into one which is served by the *Church of Saint Thomas Becket*. Over Wallop and Salisbury are just a few miles apart from each other.



STEPHEN and MARGERY are among the 110 passengers on the 11 April 1638 list of the 200-ton *Confidence* of London, under command of JOHN GIBSON, which sailed from Southampton on 24 April. There are at least four such lists and there are discrepancies but some can be dismissed.¹ STEPHEN of Nether Wallop and MARGERY, *his wife*, from Nether Wallop or *Tytherly*, Hampshire, were not 17 and 16, respectively, as stated on one list; 27 and 26, as found on the others, is more likely. Tytherly refers to two small villages, East and West Tytherlay, a few miles south of the Wallops (see map in THOMAS KENT file). They are not travelling with any of their own children even though this is a list of the passengers *greate & little*. They are accompanied by 5 servants:

GEORGE CHURCHE, 16; HUGH MARCHE, 20; and ANTHONY SADDLER, 9, all of Tytherley, Hampshire; REBECCA KENT, 16; and NICHOLAS WALLINGTON, *a poore boy*, from Nether Wallop.



STEVEN KENT is found as a Freeman in Massachusetts Bay Colony as of 22 May 1639; the different spelling of the given name is easily explained as names were recorded as the secretary saw fit.² There is a Will of a CAPTAIN RICHARD KENT SENIOR, who mentions his brother STEPHEN and STEPHEN'S daughter MARY; this could be his brother, though no date is given in the reference.³

STEPHEN married soon after MARGERY'S death. On 21 November 1653 he married ANNE HASSALL in Newbury. ANNE, wife of STEPHEN KENT is found in records dated 1658 and 1667 with STEPHEN'S age given as 60 in the latter year.⁴ This seems to contradict the likelihood of the third marriage often given for STEPHEN KENT; that being he married ELINOR LONGE on 9 May 1662 in Newbury; she may have been earlier married to SCADLOCKE.

The original purchasers of the Woodbridge patent were from Newbury and STEPHEN undoubtedly knew of the place long before making the move. On 20 May 1670 STEPHEN received 4 tracts of land containing 249 acres in Woodbridge, Middlesex County from the East Jersey Proprietors. There are 6 land sales made by *STEPHEN KENT* in the Secretary of State's database but all are between the years 1683 and 1718; these could be from the estate or from his son.⁵

Two of their children, HANNAH and STEPHEN, moved to Woodbridge in East Jersey and it could be that after the death of two wives, their father STEPHEN moved there to be close to them. It has been said that when he moved from Newbury to Woodbridge, he travelled with his brother RICHARD KENT SENIOR and RICHARD'S sons RICHARD JUNIOR and JAMES KENT. Noteworthy too is the possible presence of JOHN NORRIS, MARGERY'S father, in Woodbridge. He must have been quite old when he made the move as he was still in Wiltshire when his wife JOANE died in 1676 he was 92 years old. A JOHN NORRIS was made a Knight Bachelor by QUEEN ELIZABETH when she was hosted at the *Old Rectory* house of SIR EDWARD NORRIS of his wife at the end of September 1601.⁶ The time is right to be MARGERY'S father but this is far from certain.

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1. MARY KENT: married JOHN or ROBERT FORD on 20 March 1666 in Haverhill, Essex County, Massachusetts. ROBERT has been the name posted on some sites while JOHN FORD, 33, of Haverhill, is listed as the son-in-law of STEPHEN KENT in an article penned in the mid-19th century.⁷ MARY died in Haverhill on 27 January 1691.
2. ELIZABETH KENT: married JOHN ADAMS II in 1663 in Flushing on Long Island. Continued in a separate file.
3. HANNAH KENT: married ISAAC TAPPAN SENIOR on 29 September 1669 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, East Jersey. HANNAH died in Woodbridge on 10 December 1688.

4. STEPHEN KENT II: On 30 December 1670 he received 5 tracts of land containing 104 acres in Woodbridge, Middlesex County from the East Jersey Proprietors.⁸ He married JANE SCOTT on 25 December 1683 in Woodbridge. A 1685 land grant describes his as being *of Havervil, Mass., originally from England*. The 6 tracts sold by STEPHEN KENT mentioned above are accompanied by two others sold by STEPHEN KENT JUNIOR in 1688 and 1698.⁹ STEPHEN died in Woodbridge on 25 March 1719.
5. REBECCA KENT: married JOHN FARNUM/FARNHAM in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts Bay Colony on 12 November 1677. She died there 8 February 1729.
6. DAVID KENT:

¹ "Confidence," Immigrant ShipsTranscribers Guild, Volume 1: <https://immigrantships.net/1600/confidence380424.html> and Volume 4: <https://immigrantships.net/v4/1600v4/confidence16380424.html>; "Confidence Passenger List," Olive Tree genealogy: http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/ships/neng_confidence1638.shtml; "Passenger List for the Confidence 1638," The Eastman Family: <http://www.angelfire.com/ky3/caroln242/passlist.html>. This last has links to all the lists plus the image of the ship.

² "List of Freeman," *New England Historical and Genealogical Record*, 3:96 (Boston, New England Historic, Genealogical Society; 1849). Available at Archive.org.

³ "Early Settlers of Essex and Old Norfolk," *New England Historical and Genealogical Record*, 6:345 (Boston, New England Historic, Genealogical Society; 1852). Available at Archive.org.

⁴ *supra*. "Early Settlers of Essex and Old Norfolk," *NEHGR*, 6:345.

⁵ Department of State, Secretary of State's Office, Deeds, Surveys and Commissions, ca. 1650 – 1856; Liber 1, Part A (EJ), Folio 94. "Early Settlers of Woodbridge," Descendants of the Founders of NJ; <http://www.njfounders.org/history/early-settlers-woodbridge>.

⁶ William A. Shaw. *The Knights of England*. Volume 2. (London, Sherratt & Hughes; 1906) p. 99. Available at Archive.org.

⁷ *supra*. "Early Settlers of Essex and Old Norfolk," *NEHGR*, 6:254.

⁸ Department of State, Secretary of State's Office, Deeds, Surveys and Commissions, ca. 1650 – 1856; Liber 1, Part A (EJ), Folio 107. "Early Settlers of Woodbridge," Descendants of the Founders of NJ; <http://www.njfounders.org/history/early-settlers-woodbridge>.

⁹ Department of State, Secretary of State's Office, Deeds, Surveys and Commissions, ca. 1650 – 1856; A (EJ), 74; B (EJ), 139; D (EJ), 111; F (EJ), 443, 519, 674; A2 (EJ), 61; and C2, 420.